THE DAY AT THE CAPITAL OF TEXAS.

The Motions to Suspend Regular Order Were Numerous but Unavailing.

DAY SPENT ON BAILEY SUBSTITUTE FEE BILL.

Vote on It Was Postponed Until Next Wednesday--Bill Transferring the Direct Tax Fund to General Revenue Passed the Senate--Two Bills and One Resolution Signed by the Governor.

Austin, Texas, April 22.—The sidetrackers opened up good and strong in the house this morning, and the reading of the journal had hardly been dispensed with before the chair was bombarded with motions to suspend the regular order, which was the Wayland fee bill, with the pending Bailey amendment, and it looked for a while as if the day would be taken up in the consideration of minor bills of hardly more than local interest. But Speaker Dashiell stopped the stampede by announcing that if the progress of the Wayland fee bill was impeded he would, pursuant to the instruction recently given him by resolution by the house, lay before it the remaining platform bills on his table, the next in order being the fellow-servant bill. This staggered the "suspenders," as between the Wayland bill and the fellow-servant bill many of them have no choice, and they yielded to the inevitable and perforce submitted to the tabling of Mr. Blair's pending motion to recommit the Wayland bill to the committee on State affairs.

Bailey's substitute for the bill, given in full in the proceedings, was taken up and occupied the house's attention until adjournment this evening, a number of amendments thereto being accepted by the author thereof and adopted until it was brought to that condition where a vote thereon and a test of strength between its friends and opponents is in order. It went over until next Wednesday, however, owing to the lateness of the hour at which discussion closed.

Mr. Bailey, assisted by Mr. Evans of Grayson, led the fee bill forces and succeeded admirably in piloting the bill safely along towards perfection.

Beginning with the amendments to the Code of Criminal Procedure, Mr. Bailey has come to the front every time platform measures have been before the house, and each time has given battle to the opponents thereof and left the field with their scalps dangling at his belt.

In the senate Mr. Linn of Wharton succeeded in amending the bill turning the balance of the direct tax on hand into the general revenue fund by adding thereto a provision that all claims on file with the comptroller for penalties, interest and costs shall be paid out of said fund before it is transferred. As amended the bill passed finally.

NEW LAWS.

Austin, Texas, April 22.—The governor approved the following today:

Bill requiring an affidavit as to the materiality of the evidence of an absent witness when continuance is sought in civil cases because of the absence of said witness.

Bill providing that where either party to any suit is a corporation, neither party shall be permitted to take ex parte depositions.

Joint resolution proposing the submission of a constitutional amendment validating all county bonds heretofore purchased by the State board of education with the permanent school fund.

The bill abolishing the organizations of Buchel and Foley counties and attaching them to Brewster county became a law today without the governor's signature.

Want Salaries Cut.

Austin, Texas, April 22.—A circular letter signed by L. S. Dennis and W. S. Ashton, Galveston physicians, relative to the salaries paid the faculty of the medical branch of the University has been received by members of the legislature. It alleges that from $500 to $1000 per year would be ample compensation for professors in that institution now receiving from $2000 to $3500 per year, and that said professors devote but a small portion of their time to the duties they are supposed to perform. The probability is that when the section of the appropriation bill relating to the medical branch is reached Chairman Garrison will ask that it be passed temporarily and that the signers of the circular be brought here and called upon to produce proof of the truth of their allegations.

THE SENATE.

Austin, Texas, April 22.—The senate was called to order by the lieutenant governor this morning, with a quorum present.

The first business was house joint resolution by Ward, amending the constitution so as to validate bonds held by the school fund heretofore declared to be invalid by the supreme court. It passed finally.

House bill to authorize certificates of record of instruments of Archer county filed in Jack county, to be admitted in evidence in land suits, was ordered engrossed and finally passed.

Robbins' house bill transferring the balance of the direct tax fund received from the Federal government to the general revenue, was called up by Colquitt, with a motion pending from the last time the bill was under consideration to reconsider the vote by which an amendment by Senator Linn of Wharton—providing for payment of certain additional claims—was lost. The vote was reconsidered and the amendment was adopted. The bill then passed finally under suspension of the rules.

House bill to protect parties from the nuisances of herding cattle near residences was taken up and passed to a third reading.

House bill allowing Thomas Fink and others of Wise county to sue the State for certain lands, was passed to a third reading.

The general deficiency bill was next taken up. Amendments by Senator Stone were adopted, appropriating $12.50 to pay sheriff of King county for enforcing sanitary commission orders and $22.45 to pay for coal used by the court of appeals at Galveston.

Senator Linn of Victoria offered an amendment inserting $6896 to refund money paid for land patents and not applied by the State to the purpose.

Recess until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the bill prohibiting herding cattle within half a mile of a residence passed finally.

The pending business, the deficiency bill, was resumed. Atlee offered an amendment to refund $160 to the First National bank of Aransas Pass, collected in error. Adopted.

Greer offered a substitute for Linn's amendment to pay balance due to depositors on the ledger account of O. N. Hollingsworth, provided that none of the balances shall be paid where such deposits were made for payment of patent fees and patents have not been issued by the State, but are subject to demand. The substitute was adopted, after being amended so as to require twenty days' notice to be given depositors by commissioner of the general land office. The amount is $6896. Further consideration of the bill was postponed.

House bill creating a more efficient road system for Marion county was passed to third reading.

House bill slightly amending the law as to the introduction of abstracts of titles in evidence finally passed.

Goss moved to concur in house amendments to senate joint resolution relating to the payment of legislators, was lost and a motion to refer to a free conference committee adopted.

Bailey presented a petition from citizens of Tarrant county protesting against the passage of the text book bill.

House bill amending the law so as to make habitual drunkenness and neglect grounds for divorce came on pending action on which the senate adjourned until tomorrow.

THE HOUSE.

Austin, Texas, April 22.—A quorum having been obtained in the house this morning with the assistance of a call, a communication from Land Commissioner Baker suggesting that a law be enacted designating to what class of fund shall be placed all the lands recovered by the State in the last six years and also to make some appropriation to pay for certified copies of the several judgments obtained in those cases was read.

On motion of Mr. Regan pending business was suspended to take up and pass finally under suspension of rules Atlee's bill authorizing county commissioners courts of the various counties in this State to retire and fund their outstanding floating indebtedness and to provide for the payment of same.

The Wayland fee bill, with pending motion of Mr Blair to recommit to the committee on State affairs, was laid before the house and Mr. Maxwell moved to lay said motion on the table. The Maxwell motion prevailed by a vote of 52 to 37.

A motion by Mr. Wolters to suspend the regular order and take up senate joint resolution No. 13 was tabled by a vote of 60 to 30, the speaker having announced that if the regular order was further suspended he would lay senate bill No. 1 (the fellow servant bill) before the house, pursuant to the resolution giving platform demands precedence.

Dilatory motions having been disposed of the Wayland fee bill, with the following pending substitute by Mr. Bailey, was taken up:

Amend by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. That the district and county officers of the several districts in this State and counties of this State hereafter named in this act shall receive and collect all fees, commissions, and other remunerations that are now or may hereafter be provided by law, and they shall keep an accurate account of all such collections and disbursements in a well bound book provided by the commissioners courts of the several counties, and to be kept for that purpose. They shall also make on each a quarterly report of all such collections and disbursements to the commissioners courts, provided further, they shall make under oath an annual report to the comptroller of the State of Texas of all fees, commissions, or other remunerations received, together with the disbursements of the same, and all fees, commissions and remunerations due and uncollected. Blanks on which said reports required as above to be made shall be furnished by the comptroller at the expense of the State.

"Sec. 2. That the several district attorneys, county attorneys, county judges, county clerks, clerks of the district courts, county clerks and clerks of the district courts (when combined), tax collectors, sheriff and tax collector (when combined), tax assessors, constables, justices of the peace of the several districts and counties of the State of Texas, shall retain from fees, commissions, or other remuneration of the several offices mentioned in this act for one year's service an amount not to exceed the sum hereafter provided.

"Sec. 3. The sheriffs and district attorneys of the several counties and districts of this State shall each in no case retain more than $2500 for any one year of the fees and commissions of their respective offices as compensation for their services. County judges, county clerks, clerks of the district courts, district and county attorneys, county clerks, clerks of the district courts, county clerks and clerks of the district courts (when combined), tax collectors, tax assessors shall in no case retain more than $2000 for any one year out of the fees, commissions or other remuneration arising from their respective offices; provided, that when the office of tax collector and sheriff is combined the sheriff shall in no case retain more than $2500 as compensation for one year's service out of the fees and commissions arising from said offices.

"Sec. 4. The justices of the peace and constables of the various districts and counties of this State shall be entitled to retain out of the fees and commissions arising from their respective offices as now or may hereafter be provided by law as compensation for their services for any one year an amount not to exceed $1000; provided, that the constable may employ such deputies as shall be actually necessary at a salary of not exceeding $40 per month for each one so appointed.

"Sec. 5. The sheriffs, clerks of the district courts, county clerks, tax collectors, tax assessors, whenever it shall be actually necessary to have assistance in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, shall be allowed to employ as many deputies as may be actually necessary and no more, and such appointment of said deputies, together with an affidavit certifying that such appointment is absolutely necessary, and stating salary, and that efficient service can not be had for less, shall be filed with the county clerk for registration.

"Sec. 6. The deputies that may be appointed by authority of the preceding section shall receive as remuneration for their services, to be paid by the officer appointing them, the following salaries:

"Deputy sheriffs, $60 per month, or less when efficient deputies may be obtained for less.

"Deputy clerk of the district court shall receive $60 per month, or less when efficient deputies may be obtained for less.

"Deputy clerks of the county court shall receive $50 per month, or a less amount when efficient deputies can be obtained for less.

"Deputy tax collectors shall receive not more than $60 for each month so employed.

"Deputy tax assessors shall receive not more than $50 per month while so employed.

"Sec. 7. All surplus fees, commissions or other remunerations in excess of the amounts hereinbefore allowed to the various district, county and precinct officers hereinbefore mentioned shall be paid into the county treasuries of the various counties, and shall be disposed of by the commissioners courts when making their quarterly reports as follows: One-fourth to be placed to the county general fund, one-fourth to be paid to the State treasurer, to be placed to the general revenue fund of the State, the remaining one-half to be placed in the State treasury, to be placed to the credit of the available school fund; provided, that the cost of remitting to the State shall be paid by the State.

"Sec. 8. The above named officers, when they file their quarterly reports with the commissioners court, such reports must show all fees assessed in their respective offices during the preceding quarter, showing all amounts collected and all amounts uncollected, with reasons for not collecting the same.

"Sec. 9. If the reasons for not collecting the fees remaining uncollected are unsatisfactory to the commissioners, they shall proceed to charge the amounts remaining uncollected to the said officer and deduct the same from his allowance; the said officer shall make the same good by paying the said remainder so uncollected to the county treasurer; otherwise, suit shall be brought against said officer and his bondsmen to collect said amount.

"Sec. 10. Whenever any officer shall file said sworn statement with the commissioners court, he shall at the same time turn over to the commissioners court records for all the services in his hands over and above the amounts allowed him for assistance in running his office, and any failure to do so shall be held as embezzlement and punished as such.

"Sec. 11. Whenever any officer shall make a false statement concerning the necessity for the use of deputies, he shall be guilty of false swearing, and punished as such.

"Sec. 12. Whenever any officer mentioned in this act shall pay any deputy a greater salary than is necessary to secure efficient and competent deputies, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be fined in any sum not exceeding $1000.

"Sec. 13. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed."

Having obtained recognition of the chair, Mr. Bailey took the floor and said that while he felt a hesitancy about tampering with the established compensation of district and county officers, he realized that legislation along that line was needed and demanded by the people, and felt satisfied that his substitute met all the objections which had been raised against the Wayland bill and that it was fair and equitable to all parties.

Mr. Childs said he was in favor of a fee bill, but that the Bailey substitute was neither reasonable nor in accord with the platform. It gives the litigant no relief and practically proposes the collection of a double tax from such persons as are forced to go into the courts to obtain rights which have been denied them. He believed in a reduction of fees, but opposed a salary bill.

Mr. Beaird maintained that the Wayland bill is unconstitutional and asserted that the passage of either the bill or the substitute would mean the ultimate defeat of all legislation in the direction of regulating compensation of county and district officers. He wanted the matter referred to a joint committee of both houses, which he was sure could evolve a bill that would give satisfaction all around.

Mr. Wolters offered the following:

Amend Bailey substitute by striking out section 7 and substitute therefor the following: "All surplus fees, commissions or other remunerations in excess of the amounts hereinbefore allowed to the various district, county and precinct officers hereinbefore mentioned shall be paid into the county treasuries of the various counties."

Mr. Bird offered the following amendment to the Wolters amendment, which was accepted by Mr. Wolters:

"Amend the amendment by providing that 50 per cent of excess so collected shall be placed to the credit of the road and bridge fund of such counties."

Mr. Evans of Grayson opposed the amended amendment and said the governor had recommended that part of the excess be placed in the State treasury, and had two years ago refused to agree to a fee bill that would put all the excess in the county treasury.

Mr. Tucker favored the Bailey substitute and intimated that the house was making a fool of itself. Gentlemen who had talked great knots on their tongues making speeches about economy to their constituents during the campaign had taken the back track as soon as they struck Austin. Whenever a county was reached by the proposed fee bill its representative lost his democracy.

A vote having been ordered by the Wolters amendment as amended by Mr. Bird, the absence of a quorum was discovered and a call of the house was ordered.

A list of absentees having been prepared the sergeant at arms was sent out to hunt them up and in the course of half an hour the quorum was restored and the amended Wolters amendment was adopted and a recess was taken until 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the afternoon session the speaker announced, at the request of several senators, that there were pending certain joint resolutions proposing constitutional amendments which must be acted upon today in order to be voted on in August as intended. Coupled with the above announcement, the chair remarked that in the future he would lay platform demand bills before the house every afternoon. If the fellow-servant bill was sidetracked, he would present the redistricting bill. In case that was postponed, he would call up the fee bill. In other words, he proposed that something be done with those measures, and that the house assume the responsibility of passing or killing them without further ado.

On motion of Beaird, the regular order was suspended to dispose of Senator Goss' joint resolution amending the constitution so that the salary of members of the legislature shall be $600 per year, which was pending on third reading as amended by Mr. Humphrey to fix the salary at $5 per day for the first 100 days of the session and $3 per day thereafter. It passed finally by a vote of 89 to 7 and was sent to the senate for concurrence on the Humphrey amendment.

Consideration of the Wayland bill, with pending Bailey substitute, having been resumed, Evans of Grayson spoke in support of the substitute and contended that it was in accord with both the platform and the governor's recommendations. At the conclusion of his remarks, Evans offered the following amendment:

Amend section 6 by striking out reference to deputy sheriffs, deputy county clerks and deputy tax assessors and insert the following: "One chief deputy sheriff, who shall not receive more than $75 per month, and all other deputy sheriffs not exceeding $60 per month. Deputy clerks of the county court not exceeding $75 per month. Deputy tax assessors not exceeding $85 per month."

Ayers offered a substitute providing that the amounts $60 and $50 by stricken out wherever they occur in section 6 and that $75 be inserted in lieu thereof. Accepted by Evans and adopted by the house.

Boyd stated that he had come to the legislature pledged to a fee bill, but was not satisfied with the Bailey substitute because it gave the commissioners courts absolute control of the county offices and would impair the efficiency of the public service.

An amendment by Seabury, providing that sums received by sheriffs for feeding prisoners and attached witnesses shall not be estimated as part of the sheriff's fees or commissions in computing the maximum allowed sheriffs, was supported by Turner and accepted by Bailey.

An amendment making provision for the appointment of deputy county attorneys and fixing maximum salary to be allowed them at $55 per month was offered by Bailey and amended by Seabury to make it $100 and adopted.

Amendments by Fields of Hill, allowing county judges acting as county superintendents of education an amount above their salary not to exceed $600 per year, was adopted.

Amendment by Crowley providing that in counties of 10,000 population or less county officials shall not be required to keep account and make reports of fees collected as provided for in section 1 of the Bailey substitute was adopted.

Following amendment by Ayers was adopted:

Amend substitute by striking out section 9 and substituting therefor the following: Sec. 9. If the reasons for not collecting the fees or any part thereof remaining uncollected are insufficient or the officer has been negligent in and about the collection of the same, such officer shall make the same good by paying the same or such part as he failed to collect through negligence to the county treasurer, otherwise suit shall be brought against such officer and his bondsmen to collect such amount."

Love moved to reconsider the vote by which the Wolters amendment providing the excess of fees collected shall go into the county general and road bridge funds was adopted this morning.

Williams opposed reconsideration.

Wolters said he had offered the amendment in good faith and that counties already paid their proportion of State taxes and that it was not right to ask them to contribute further to the State exchequer by giving unto a portion of the surplus of fees collected by their officers.

Dean favored a reconsideration and thought the excess should be divided between the State, the county and the school fund.

The Love motion prevailed and on motion of Maxwell the Wolters amendment was tabled.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

NEW BILLS.

The following bills were introduced in the senate this morning:

By Linn of Victoria—To compel the commissioners courts of the several counties of the State of Texas to advertise for bids upon all contracts made by said courts when the contract price shall be equal to or exceed the sum of $500, and to prescribe the manner and mode of such advertisement.

By Terrell—Relating to thefts, robbery and embezzlements in foreign States and bringing the stolen property into this State.

Senators presented the following petitions this morning:

By Rogers—From citizens of Houston county against the passage of the redistricting bill.

By Presler—From teachers' institute of Leon county asking for the passage of the redistricting bill.

By Linn of Victoria—From citizens of McMullen county against taking that county out of the Twenty-sixth judicial district.

By Linn of Victoria—From citizens of Atascosa county against taking that county out of the Thirty-sixth judicial district.

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THE COAST COUNTRY.

WHAT A COMMISSION MAN THINKS OF IT.

Unlimited Possibilities but in Need of Well Placed Advertising. Fruit and Vegetables.

Crosby, Texas, April 21.—Mr. Peter Anderson, who is representing C. W. Harris of Kansas City, Mo., wholesale dealer in fruits and vegetables, has been here for several days making contracts for fruits and garden truck. The gentleman has been to Alvin and other points south of this place. He was shown the sights here by The Post correspondent to whom he expressed himself as being not only pleased with this part of South Texas, but very much surprised that a section of country possessed of so many natural advantages of soil and climate, timber and other resources, had done so little in the way of advertising.

"Why," said he, "if the truck growers and gardeners living near Kansas City only knew that there were such lands and climate as you people living here possess, they could not be kept out with a wall four times higher than the famous Chinese wall. All that your country needs to make it the garden spot of America is a few wide-awake gardeners and truck growers who have had good experience. You have an ideal spot, for strawberries and dewberries of the finest quality are growing wild all over your section. If your people could only be induced to quit growing cotton and corn and go into truck growing they would be independent in a few years. The North is entirely dependent upon your section for early fruit and vegetables. The Kansas City markets alone consume more than this section produces at present. Your section has a great future before it. I will venture the prediction that in less than five years that the population will be more than double what it is today in this section. People will flock in here by the hundreds as your section becomes better known."

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ISLAND CITY NEWS ITEMS.

County Bonds Were Sold for a Good Premium.

INSPECTION OF THE WATER FRONT.

Rock Island Officials Spent the Day Looking Things Over—Jetties to Be Further Extended.

Galveston, Texas, April 22.—The county commissioners opened bids for the $200,000 of court house and jail bonds for the third time today and the bids submitted today proved to be better than those previously offered and rejected. The bonds were awarded to E. S. Flint of Galveston, who offered a premium of $4000. Just as the last of the bids had been read, the county treasurer arrived with a telegram from W. G. Scott of Houston offering a premium of $4000 for the bond, the same as Mr. Flint's bid, but the court awarded the bonds to Mr. Flint. The price paid is considered very good, as the bonds bear but 5 per cent interest and are redeemable after ten years.

When the bond matter had been disposed of by the court, the matter of buying additional ground for the site for the new court house was taken up again. Commissioner Vidor said the county owned all the ground necessary for the new court house and he was opposed to increasing the cost in any way, as he had gotten up a plan for improving the county roads and he thought this matter of far more importance than the increase of real estate holding in the city. The court agreed with Mr. Vidor and the new court house will occupy the site of the old one. The contract for the new building will be let on the 10th of next month.

THE JETTIES.

Some time ago it was understood that the jetties by which the water on the Galveston bar had been deepened were virtually completed, lacking only the finishing touches. A few Sundays ago a storm played havoc with the jetty railroad track and it was then said the track would be abandoned and that barges would be used instead to take the rock out to the point at which it was to be dropped into the ocean. Then came the report from Washington that this was not satisfactory and the decision to rebuild the jetty trestle where the storm had washed it away. Today it is reported that the department at Washington has decided to extend the jetties out to the full limit contemplated in the original plans. In that case, it will take about a year longer to complete the work and the increased cost will be about $800,000. Mr. E. K. Smoot of O'Connor & Smoot, the contractors, is expected home from Washington tomorrow and he will probably be able to tell all about it.

THE CLEAR CREEK BRIDGE.

At the meeting of the county commissioners court today County Judge Mann read a letter from County Judge Shaw of Harris county referring to the Clear Creek bridge contracted for by the former court. He called attention to the fact that but forty feet of approaches were necessary on the Galveston side, while it would require 600 feet on the Harris side. His court had instructed him to ask Galveston county to pay half of the total expense.

It was stated to be a matter of record that each county had agreed to construct its own approaches. County Judge Mann was requested to reply to the letter, furnishing the record.

WILL BE DEPORTED.

Of the immigrants who arrived here on the steamship Roland the other day eleven failed to satisfy the inspector that they were of the desirable class and were not permitted to land. A board of special inquiry has since released all but four of the number. Of the four Anton Feilbiger, a Bohemian, will be deported.

The other three are boys. Two of them are brothers, aged 15 and 11 years, who are going to their father, who resides near Brenham. They will be released as soon as their father can be heard from.

ROCK ISLAND OFFICIALS.

A party of Rock Island railroad officials, including Vice President Truesdale, General Traffic Manager Johnson and General Freight Agent McCabe were in Galveston for a short time today, but did not make themselves very conspicuous. In fact they did not visit any part of the city except the water front.

They spent several hours in going over the wharves, examining the docks, elevators, etc. They made many inquiries of their pilot as to the grain situation and the improvements contemplated and in progress by the Wharf company and others. The party left at 1:40 o'clock this afternoon.

AN EXCURSION.

A large excursion party from Kansas City en route to Port Arthur dropped into Galveston on a side trip this morning and spent the day here. The party was headed by Governor Holcombe of Nebraska. They left at 5 o'clock for Port Arthur via Houston.

A SURVEYING PARTY.

A surveying corps with a complete camping outfit left here yesterday in a wagon for Hitchcock, where they will commence to run the lines of the proposed road from that point down to Matagorda county.

ORANGE.

Celebration of San Jacinto Day. Shipping News.

Orange, Texas, April 22.—San Jacinto day was celebrated yesterday by a big bicycle parade and a bicycle race. Great crowds began to collect by 3 o'clock, and while waiting for the parade were treated to foot races and a sack race. At 4 o'clock the wheels assembled and the judges announced their decision as to the best decorated wheel, the prize, which was a pair of bicycle shoes, being awarded to Cates Ford. The wheels paraded until about 4:30, when Masters Joe and Maurice Miller and Archie Sims gave an exhibition of trick riding. After this was over the race was announced.

Steve Graves, Harry Burr, Cates Ford and Tommy Seargent entered for the race, which was to be down Front street, the distance to be run being about four blocks. Early in the race Tommy Seargent ran into a small boy, but fortunately sustained no injury. Steve Graves crossed the line first, followed closely by Cates Ford, while Harry Burr came in third. A fine cyclometer was awarded Steve Graves, and Cates Ford received a bicycle lamp.

The Moore & Bettis Towing company have closed a contract with the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad for towing the construction material from Beaumont and Orange for their new bridge being built across the Sabine.

The tug J. V. Guillotte left for Sabine Pass this morning after a barge, which it will tow to Beaumont to be loaded. About two-thirds of the iron for this bridge will be shipped by rail to Beaumont and the rest will be shipped here.

Bishop George Kinsolving, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Texas, arrived last night for his yearly visit. He delivered his opening sermon last night at the Episcopal church and confirmed a class of eight. He was tendered a reception at the house of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Bancroft.

A BEAUMONT BUDGET.

NEWS ANENT THE CHANNEL NOT PLEASING.

People Are Much Disappointed at the Probable Action of the War Department—Local Notes.

Beaumont, Texas, April 22.—The dispatch from Washington published in this morning's Post bringing information that the war department had refused to grant the Port Arthur Channel and Dock company permission to dig a ship channel from deep water at Sabine Pass to Port Arthur was not only a surprise but it was unpleasant news to the people of Beaumont. Parties who had been to Washington in the interest of the Port Arthur company brought back information that created an impression that the permission desired would be forthcoming just as soon as the war department had gone through the preliminaries necessary to give government sanction to the proposition, and instructions ordering the dredge to resume work have therefore been daily expected. Then the people are distressed because the government has vetoed the proposed channel construction. The Port Arthur people have already spent considerable money in this section, have advertised Southeast Texas far and wide and promised to build a great city when the ship channel was dug. This was a sort of development that put dollars in the pockets of Beaumont business men and manufacturers and while many were opposed to State legislation that granted an extraordinary large right of way for the proposed channel there was no citizen but who wanted to see the channel dug. The hope is entertained here that congress will grant the permit which the war department has denied.

J. O. Humphrey, a switchman on the Texarkana and Fort Smith, had his hand badly mashed while switching in the Beaumont yards last night.

Mr. J. R. Ligon, whose experience with an airship was published in Wednesday morning's Post, is wearing an air of confidence today that could not be discovered in close proximity to him yesterday. Mr. Ligon's story of the airship as published created quite a sensation in the city. Many refused to believe his statement that the airship had really lighted in the city and he had interviewed the navigator, and some of his close friends were so positive in asserting that he was laboring under a hallucination that Mr. Ligon finally began believing that his airship experience was but a dream. After getting this morning's Post, however, Mr. Ligon is more positive than ever that he saw the ship, his certainty having been restored by the dispatch in which a minister of the gospel at Childress, Texas, announced that he had also seen the air vessel.

Several insurance adjusters are in the city settling the losses resulting from last Saturday's fire.

Justice Dowlen this afternoon officiated at the marriage of Mr. Julius Johnson and Miss Lucila Maude Pinney. The contracting parties were both from Louisiana, having arrived this morning.

San Jacinto at Cuero.

Cuero, Texas, April 22.—San Jacinto day was celebrated by the Cuero fire department and it was as great a celebration as Cuero ever had. The boys were disappointed in not having more fire companies to participate, but the programme was carried out in its entirety any way. At 1 o'clock the parade was formed near the Aransas Pass depot, composed of the fire companies, two bands, decorated buggies, bicycles and various kinds of floats. They marched through the principal streets of the city, coming back to the Buchel corner, where the procession broke, and the firemen's tournament began. Company No. 1 of the Cuero fire department made the first run, 700 feet, connected with the hydrant and turned on water in 51 seconds. Company No. 2 of the Cuero fire department made the same run in 47 seconds; Corpus Christi in 44 seconds. Thus the visitors carried off the prize of $50 for all companies competing and $25 prize for the visiting company making the best run. At 7 o'clock the entire fire department were banqueted at the Wara building, after which a grand ball at the Casino wound up the day's festivities.

Molesworth & King was awarded the prize for the best decorated float. Miss Jennie Stevens and Miss Lucila McConnell for the best decorated buggy. Mrs. Charles Keller best horseback rider. Miss Cornelia Woodworth best decorated bicycle.

Historical Lecture.

Round Rock, Texas, April 21.—Today there was a large gathering at the Webster graveyard, which is on the old Indian trail leading in the direction of Burnet, some ten miles west of here. Uncle Jack Adkisson, now about 80 years of age and a minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, related to the assembled people the incidents connected with the killing of the Webster immigrants in 1838. Uncle Jack was here at the time and helped bury the thirteen men who were victims of the massacre. They were found next day by a small company who were going west, but were not buried for several days, because it took a considerable company to guard those engaged in burying the victims. There were thirteen men killed and these were eaten by wolves and buzzards and only their bones were gathered up, placed in a wagonbed and buried at the place where the people met. The women and children were all captured and afterward reclaimed from the Indians.

Presentation of Pictures.

Yorktown, Texas, April 22.—Yesterday morning the patrons of the Yorktown high school assembled at the school building to witness the presentation of the pictures of Houston and Austin to the school by the Daughters of the Republic, who were represented by Miss Lula Kleberg.

The address was delivered by Professor Boal and was followed by the pupils with declamations appropriate to the occasion, giving sketches of the life and biography of the two great statesmen. The entire programme was carried out in a masterly manner.

Miss Lula Kleberg, in a neat and appropriate speech, made the presentation of the fine pictures and it is needless to say they are appreciated by the whole community.

Sunday School Convention.

Weatherford, Texas, April 22.—The night session of the Sunday school convention opened at 8 o'clock by singing "Lift Up the Gates." Prayer by Rev. W. B. Carnes of Cleburne. Song, "Behold, the Bridegroom Cometh." Reading of One Hundred and Third Psalm by W. B. Carnes. Sentence prayer. Address by Mrs. W. F. Crafts of Washington, "Right Beginning." Male quartette, "Slowly Wandering Down." "House to House Visitation and Home Department of the Sunday School," C. D. Meigs of Indianapolis, Ind. Song. Adjournment.

Morning session—Sunrise prayer meeting at 5:45, conducted by W. F. Foss of Cleburne. Bible reading at 9 a. m. "Primary Unions and State Primary Organization," Mrs. Crafts. Song, "Rescue the Perishing." "The Door of the Scholer's Heart and How to Open It," C. D. Meigs.

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ONCE AN INMATE OF A LUNATIC ASYLUM.

Now He Has Been Crowned Ruler of the Syrian Chaldeans—A Very Strange Story.

San Francisco, April 22.—The strangeness of truth has often been commented upon as exceeding the most fanciful flights of fiction.

An illustration of this is furnished in the career of John Joseph Nouri, who has been crowned patriarch at the Chaldean pontifical cathedral at Trichur, Malalar, and is ruler over Syrian Chaldeans. Four years ago he was committed by Judge Walter H. Levy to the asylum for the insane at Napa, and there he remained until September, 1893, when through the efforts of M. M. Foote, president of the California Association for the Protection of Persons, he was restored to liberty.

The Rev. Chalmers Easton, formerly a Presbyterian minister in this city, now of Washington, is credited with having learned the facts in a letter from the Rev. H. Barrows of Chicago, who is at present traveling in India.

On June 23, 1892, there arrived in this city from India a man who, by his dress, his manner and his speech, was easily recognized as an Oriental religious student. Not less remarkable than his appearance was the story he told. He claimed to have discovered the remains of Noah's ark on the summit of Mount Ararat.

When released from the asylum Nouri claimed to have been robbed of four medals studded with diamonds, valued at $2500, the gift of the Chaldean Greek church; of a negotiable note for $500 and of his credentials.

Dr. Chalmers Easton believed in him and helped him in his journey Eastward. Later on he displayed his knowledge of Greek in Washington at the Smithsonian Institute; he translated the heiroglyphics on stone tablets there with surprising ease. Intent on making his journey around the world, he traveled on to London and from there came, in May, 1894, the story that he intended to sue the United States government for $5,000,000 damages for his ill treatment while on sojourn here. Now comes the climax to the story in the letter from the Rev. J. H. Barrows, declaring that John Joseph Nouri, the deposed king of the Chaldeans, has been restored; that his claims have been recognized, and that the man who was booked as "unkept and with the lackluster eye of a lunatic" is living in splendor in a palace in Trichur.

Remarkable Nerve.

Pine Valley, Texas, April 21.—Today W. J. Allsbrooks, blacksmith for L. T. Sloan & Sons, while using an adze accidentally cut his leg between the knee and foot, making a severe flesh wound which went to the bone. He quietly got his needle and thread and sewed it up himself, using an ordinary sewing needle. Then dressed his wound and finished his day's work.

The saw mill of L. T. Sloan & Sons resumed today after having been shut down for a week for repairs.

Miss Loring of Huntsville, one of the efficient teachers of the Normal institute, has been visiting her friend, Mrs. A. J. Sloan of this place.

Tennesseeans to Organize

McKinney, Texas, April 21.—Ex-Tennesseans of McKinney to the number of 100 have issued a call for a public meeting at the court house in McKinney, Saturday, April 24, for the purpose of organizing a Texas-Tennessee association. The call stated the intention to be to unite in an effort to get cheaper rates to the Nashville Centennial. The association is to be made permanent.

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